

Message

From: Balandran, Olivia-R [balandran.olivia-r@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/28/2022 9:57:26 PM
To: Gonzalez, Iris [Gonzalez.Iris@epa.gov]; Davis, Suea [davis.suea@epa.gov]; Garcia, David [Garcia.David@epa.gov]; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena [Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
CC: Ngo, Kim [Ngo.Kim@epa.gov]; McAtee, Jeffrey [McAtee.Jeffrey@epa.gov]; Acevedo, Janie [Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Meeting request re ethylene oxide at sterilizer plant in Laredo, TX

Adding Jeff and Janie for awareness in case mtg will include Councilwoman Perez. As of now, it doesn't look like she's included in the group cc'd below by Marvin with Earthjustice; however, she's been at other meetings coordinated by RGISC.

From: Gonzalez, Iris <Gonzalez.Iris@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:06 PM
To: Davis, Suea <davis.suea@epa.gov>; Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Balandran, Olivia-R <balandran.olivia-r@epa.gov>
Cc: Ngo, Kim <Ngo.Kim@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request re ethylene oxide at sterilizer plant in Laredo, TX

Yes, please.

Thanks!

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To: Gonzalez, Iris <Gonzalez.Iris@epa.gov>; Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Balandran, Olivia-R <balandran.olivia-r@epa.gov>
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Iris,

For clarity, you want me to work with David to schedule a meeting (in person or virtual) with Mr. Brown?

Thank you,
Sue

From: Gonzalez, Iris <Gonzalez.Iris@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:58 PM

To: Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Balandran, Olivia-R <balandran.olivia-r@epa.gov>
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Hi David,

Yes, I think it makes sense to have a R6 meeting with that group as well.

The purpose would be to stay coordinated in advance of the public meeting to be held in August. I know Olivia and her team have already started that conversation with them. We'll need to take our cues from HQ but my understanding is that we can pre-brief community folks in situations like this where we expect a lot of interest and attention.

Thanks for signal boosting this. Please work with Sue to get something on the calendar.

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From: Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:49 PM
To: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Gonzalez, Iris <Gonzalez.Iris@epa.gov>
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Helena/Iris,

I owe Mr. Brown a response to his email below (dated 6/23/22) requesting the status to meet with Dr. N. regarding ethylene oxide (Midwest Sterilization – Laredo TX). His initial request by way of an email below came on April 29th. Iris, as you know we did participate in a call with him and his clients of the Rio Grande International Study Center and Laredo representatives on 6/24/22. My guess is he wants to have a similar meeting with the same players but with Dr. N.

Before responding to him I was asked to hold off until we had the Friday meeting (6/24/22), but now that that meeting has surpassed how would you like for me to respond. Thoughts??

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From: Ngo, Kim <Ngo.Kim@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 9:52 AM
To: Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Meeting request re ethylene oxide at sterilizer plant in Laredo, TX

David,

I spoke to Sue and we're asked to hold off responding until after the Matt T. call this afternoon. We'll know more how to respond after that.

From: Marvin C. Brown IV <mcbrown@earthjustice.org>

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:31 PM

To: Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>

Cc: Davis, Suea <davis.suea@epa.gov>; tricia@rgisc.org; rgisc@rgisc.org; cigarroa.melissa@gmail.com; Robinson, Jeffrey <Robinson.Jeffrey@epa.gov>; Ngo, Kim <Ngo.Kim@epa.gov>; Dwyer, Stacey <Dwyer.Stacey@epa.gov>; Turk, James <turk.james@epa.gov>

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Hi David,

I wanted to follow up on the meeting request below and see if there are any updates on our request for a meeting with Regional 6 Director Dr. Nance?

Best regards,

Marvin

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From: Marvin C. Brown IV

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 5:15 PM

To: Garcia, David <garcia.david@epa.gov>

Cc: davis.suea@epa.gov; tricia@rgisc.org; rgisc@rgisc.org; cigarroa.melissa@gmail.com; robinson.jeffrey@epa.gov; ngo.kim@epa.gov; dwyer.stacey@epa.gov; turk.james@epa.gov

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Hi David,

Please find attached our meeting request.

Best regards,

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From: Garcia, David <garcia.david@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 9:12 AM
To: Marvin C. Brown IV <mcbrown@earthjustice.org>
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Marvin,

Thank you for your and the Rio Grande International Study Center's interest to meet with Dr. Nance on ethylene oxide. Please note, as the new Region 6 Regional Administrator she has received many request to meet with outside parties, so there is no guarantee we can facilitate a timely meeting with her. As we have discussed the Region is planning to conduct a public meeting in Laredo, Texas in late June or July timeframe. If we can't schedule a timely meeting, I encourage you and representatives from the Rio Grande International Study Center to participate in an upcoming pre-proposal Commercial Sterilizer rule public meeting in Laredo Texas.

In the event, you still want to pursue a meeting prior to EPA's public meeting, please complete the attached questionnaire form. If you wish to discuss further, please feel free to call me at 214 665 7593.

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From: Garcia, David

Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 4:16 PM

To: Marvin C. Brown IV <mcbrown@earthjustice.org>; Nance, Earthea <Nance.Earthea@epa.gov>

Cc: tricia@rgisc.org; rgisc@rgisc.org; cigarroa.melissa (b) (6) Jeffrey Robinson <Robinson.Jeffrey@epa.gov>; Ngo, Kim <Ngo.Kim@epa.gov>

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Marvin,

It was good visiting with you earlier today. As discussed I will follow up with you on a potential R6 pre-meeting with you and Rio Grande International Study Center prior to our pre-proposal Commercial Sterilizer outreach effort.

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From: Marvin C. Brown IV <mcbrown@earthjustice.org>

Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 3:34 PM

To: Nance, Earthea <Nance.Earthea@epa.gov>; Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>

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Good afternoon Dr. Nance,

I am writing on behalf of the Rio Grande International Study Center in Laredo, TX to see if it would be possible to schedule a meeting with you to discuss concerns residents have had with a commercial sterilizer in their community?

As you know, in March 2020, EPA's Inspector General issued a report on EPA's failure to conduct community outreach to residents living near high-risk ethylene oxide emitting facilities. This list included the Midwest Sterilization facility in Laredo, TX. While EPA Region 6 has conducted outreach at some of these facilities, it still has not conducted the requested outreach in Laredo, TX, despite the community's concern.

Would it be possible to schedule a meeting with you to discuss this issue, and other concerns related to this facility, the week of May 23rd?

Sincerely,

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